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Dear Sirs:

Again I am writing with questions. Why in the world did Cannon Air Force Base get on the BRAC List?

I just don't understand it. Cannon has won many awards through out the years. They are the top base around. They are a clean base with a staff that keeps winning honors when it come to Ecamp. Of course you might not understand what an efficient base is. It is a base that saves the government money. A words that BRAC might not understand is SAVE THE GOVERNMENT MONEY. I see so many other bases that are wasteful, that couldn't pass an EPA inspection. These bases you are keeping open and closing one that thinks about the cost of thing. Is the idea of saving government money something that you just don't want to do?

But lets get to some advantages of Clovis and the surrounding area. The people in this area work to help the troops be part of the community. The base works with the community to make this a family orientated area. If at

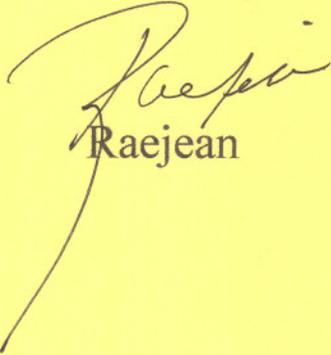
anytime there was a plane come down in training we have open land that would keep harm away from our civilians. The city fathers have planned the area so we are not encroaching on the base. The kids in this area are mixed in with the military kids so that they work together in a team spirit.

We are not fighting just to keep an industry, the base. We are fighting for the American way of life. The way that everyone should see America. One hand, One heart Clovis/Cannon. That is why we are fighting so hard to keep Cannon. It is not just a Base it is a way of life here in Clovis.

My husband retired here. We were at Lakenheath, England and we wanted to come back to Clovis and Cannon Air Force Base in 1980. Instead the Air Force sent us to Plattsburgh, New York. We would ask each year if there was a place for us at Cannon. Each year we were told NO. In 1984 my husband asked one more time. Can we be sent to Cannon. He was told by his first shirt, "it will be a cold day in hell before we let you go there." My husband replied "Well, sir hell just froze over." And at that point he put his papers in to retire after 21 years. That is what Cannon and Clovis has meant to us for over 20 years. Now you want to take our home away. They home of many others that have felt the same about Clovis, Portales and the other small villages that have Cannon in their hearts and mines.

We are a community that is committed to Cannon and we are committed to the American way of life and you are going to take this from us. THINK! Take the time to meet the people. I know that you are coming June 23<sup>rd</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will not put blinders on. See the base yes, but also see the people. See that we have open fields, free flying area. Open hearts and mind. See what truly is America, Clovis/Cannon.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raejean". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the left.

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